

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY a/s/o :
PDM International, LLC. :

Plaintiff, :

-v- :

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A., :

Defendant. :
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07 CIV. 11607 (DLC)

PRETRIAL
SCHEDULING ORDER

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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

As set forth at the pretrial conference held pursuant to Rule 16, Fed.R.Civ.P., on April 18, 2008, the following schedule shall govern the further conduct of pretrial proceedings in this case:

1. The parties shall comply with their Rule 26(a)(1), Fed.R.Civ.P., initial disclosure obligations by **May 2, 2008**.
2. No additional parties may be joined or pleadings amended after **May 30, 2008**.
3. The parties are instructed to contact the chambers of Magistrate Judge Peck prior to **August 1, 2008** in order to pursue settlement discussions under his supervision.
4. Identification of experts and disclosure of expert testimony conforming to the requirements of Rule 26(a)(2)(B), Fed.R.Civ.P., by the party bearing the burden of proof on the issue must occur by **September 26, 2008**. Identification of experts and disclosure of expert testimony in rebuttal must occur by **October 17, 2008**.
5. All discovery must be completed by **November 14, 2008**.
6. The Joint Pretrial Order must be filed by **December 12, 2008**.

As described in this Court's Individual Practices in Civil Cases, the following documents must be filed with the Pretrial Order: Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and a Memorandum of Law addressing all questions of law expected to arise at trial. Any responsive papers are due one week thereafter.

All direct testimony except for testimony of an adverse party, a person whose attendance must be compelled by subpoena, or a witness for whom a party has requested and the Court has agreed to hear the direct testimony at trial, shall be submitted by affidavits served, **but not filed**, with the Joint Pretrial Order.

Those portions of depositions that are being offered as substantive evidence, along with a one page synopsis (with transcript citations) of such testimony for each deposition, shall be exchanged at the time the Pretrial Order is filed.

Three days after submission of the affidavits, counsel for each party shall submit a list of all affiants that he or she intends to cross-examine at the trial. Affiants for whom such notice is not given are not required to be present at trial.

Counsel will provide the Court with a one (1) courtesy copy of all these documents at the time they are served, as well as two sets of pre-marked exhibits assembled sequentially i) in a looseleaf binder, or ii) in separate manila folders labelled with the exhibit numbers and placed in a suitable container or box for ready reference.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the case is placed on the **January 2009** trial ready calendar. You must be ready to proceed on 24 hours notice. You may contact the Deputy Clerk, Gloria Rojas, to learn where your case stands on the calendar.

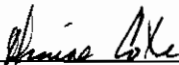
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following procedures shall govern the conduct of the trial.

1. All exhibits must be pre-marked.
2. At the start of the trial each party will present the Court with three copies of a complete exhibit list. The exhibits should include expert reports, and any charts or summaries of evidence.
3. Counsel should be available every day at 9:00 a.m. (except for the first day of trial) in order to discuss with the Court any legal or evidentiary issues expected to arise during the day.
4. Testimony will generally be taken between 9:30 and 5:00 from Monday through Thursday. There will be a mid-morning, a mid-afternoon and a lunch break from 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.

5. Counsel should make certain that they have custody of all original exhibits. The Court does not retain them and the Clerk is not responsible for them.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
April 22, 2008



DENISE COTE
United States District Judge